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Application of: Erhard LIEBIG

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005 be extended for a period of three (3) months from September 22, 2005 to and including **December 22, 2005**.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be **\$1,020.00**. Please charge the required fee to Steptoe & Johnson LLP Deposit Account No. 19-4293. A copy of this sheet is attached.

Date: December 22, 2005

Respectfully Submitted,

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